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POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE)	
COMPRISING UNIT HAVING)	
(PHENYLMETHYL)OXY)	
STRUCTURE ON SIDE CHAIN)	
THEREOF, AND METHOD FOR)	
PRODUCING THE SAME)	May 10, 2006

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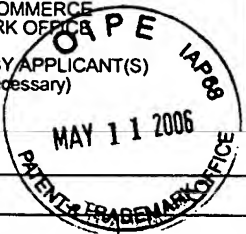
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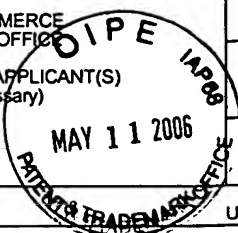
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